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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KNOCHE

SUBJECT: CCPC Studies to be Undertaken

1. In accordance with your request, the CCPC has met and considered studies which should be undertaken within the next six months. The following are agreed Committee recommendations listed in order of priority:

a. Intelligence Activities Against Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

This would be an update of the previous CCPC study on this same topic. The Director had requested that we undertake this study last summer, but it was delayed until the Inter-agency Drug Review Task Force completed the White Paper on drug abuse. As you know, this has been completed and comments have been forwarded (as of today) by the DCI to [] on the recommendations made in the White Paper. The Director stated in his letter to [] that he has asked the CCPC to undertake an all-source study of collection and other problems related to intelligence activities against illicit narcotics trafficking. Hence, the Number One priority for this study.

b. Study on Overseas Intelligence Facilities

In 1968 the CCPC prepared a study on Overseas Intelligence Facilities describing each and predicting intelligence base requirements for the following decade. This study was broken down by geographic region and the intelligence bases were prioritized. An update of this study would allow a prediction as to where intelligence facilities would be most important in the next five years. Although several area studies have been suggested--in particular, one on the Mediterranean area--, the preparation of a worldwide intelligence base study would in fact encompass individual area studies. Although this sounds like an ambitious undertaking, it is not believed that such a study would be as unmanageable as it might appear on the surface, particularly since a data base already exists.

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c. All-Source Collection targeted Against Nuclear N'th Capabilities to Acquire Nuclear Weapons and Delivery Systems (KIQ 62).

Although much attention is now being devoted to many facets of KIQ 62, CCPC members felt that the Committee could make a contribution by exploring the adequacy of intelligence collection on KIQ 62 and the collection roles of the various technical and human source collections. In planning for this study, the Committee will work closely with the NIO, JAEIC and other USIB Committees concerned with this subject. The goal is to focus on those aspects of the collection problem that have not been adequately covered in the past and to pass on the study results to the NIO and other USIB Committees working on this problem.

d. All-Source Collection on Priority Economic Topics

Committee Members responded favorably to the suggestion of the Treasury Member that the Committee should examine the role of all-source collection on priority economic intelligence topics. It was felt that the CCPC should support the EIC in examining the collection potential and intelligence need for technical collection and overt and clandestine human source collection on some priority intelligence topics. After the terms of reference of this study are developed non-USIB agencies having a field reporting or analytical responsibility for topics under consideration will be invited to participate in the study.

e. U.S. Intelligence Collection on Foreign Terrorist Groups (KIQ 61).

The Committee agreed to examine U.S. intelligence collection on foreign terrorist groups. A basic part of this study will be a listing and description of key terrorist groups--and a general description of current U.S. intelligence collection efforts and intelligence collector capabilities. The Secret Service in particular will be asked to participate in the preparation of this study.

2. With regard to additional support to the NIOs, the Director has asked them to prepare a list of priority areas of interest or crisis over the long term. To date this list has not been finalized. It is our idea that once such a list is developed, the CCPC could do a study on what collection would be required to ensure adequate intelligence coverage of these areas.

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